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The "REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION" filed on 3/8/2004 has been entered; however, the "PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT" filed on the same day has not been entered because the new added claims 66-155 following action by the examiner are drawn to NINE different inventions ((a) claims 66-71; (b) claims 72-86 and 103-137; (c) claims 87-89; (d) claims 90-91; (e) claim 92; (f) claims 93-96; (g) claims 97-102; (h) claims 138-146; and (i) claims 147-155).

With respect to MPEP 818.01, 818.02(a) and 37 CFR 1.145, the applicant presents claims directed to an invention distinct from and independent of the invention previously claimed, the applicant will be required to restrict the claims to the invention previously claimed if the amendment is entered, subject to reconsideration and review as provided in section 1.143 and 1.144. Currently, no previously claimed invention is present and no examination at this time.

Receipt is acknowledged of a request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) and a submission, filed on 3/8/04. The submission, however, is not fully responsive to the prior Office action because the reason above. Since the submission appears to be a *bona fide* attempt to provide a complete reply to the prior Office action, applicant is given a shortened statutory period of ONE MONTH or THIRTY DAYS from the mailing date of this letter, whichever is longer, to submit a complete reply. This shortened statutory period for reply supersedes the time period set in the prior Office action. This time period may be extended pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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